

FORD COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

The Ford County Public Building Commission met on **Thursday, September 10, 2026**, in the Sheriff's Boardroom at the Ford County jail.

Chairman Del Bruens called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

Roll call showed the following members in attendance: Jeff Lattz, Tom McQuinn, and Del Bruens. Mr. Shapland and Mr. Townsend were not present at roll call.

Mr. McQuinn moved to approve the **August 27, 2026**, Public Building Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Lattz seconded the motion.

Voice Vote – Unanimous

There was no Treasurer's Report

There were no submitted claims

Public Comment

Jennifer Harrison, CMO stated that she has looked into the office space of the former dental office in downtown Paxton. She has contacted the owner, and he states that if a 2-year lease is signed he will do all necessary renovations and the rent would be \$3,000 per month. If no lease is signed, the contract will be month-to-month, and Ford County would be responsible for all necessary renovations. The owner believes if a decision is made soon the probation department could be in that office by October 1, 2026. Mrs. Harrison is asking for a decision to be made soon due to difficulties working out of a small room, conflicting with Ford County trials, client privacy and safety concerns.

Under new business, discussion/possible action on FY2027 levy with Ford County was tabled with the Chairman Bruens stating there was no one there to discuss the levy amount.

Discussion/possible action on appointing officers was tabled.

Discussion on elevator progress: Sheriff Johnson states the jail elevator is working for now. There is a concern for the future that parts will not be available if future repairs are needed.

Mr. McQuinn made a motion to seat Tom Townsend. Mr. Lattz seconded the motion.

Voice Vote – Unanimous

Mr. McQuinn made a motion to have Sheriff Johnson put out bids for cell doors and locks. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion.

Roll call – Unanimous

Chairman Bruens discussed flooding issues and repairs in the courthouse basement. Chairman Bruens offered ideas that drains could be placed in window wells that go to a pit, check valve into city drain, shelf wall over footing, waterproofing, 2 stage pumps. Would need to hire water proofing company.

Mold and asbestos testing were performed and sent off – waiting on results – hopefully they are received early next week.

Air scrubbing is in progress, along with dehumidifiers. Drywall and carpet have been removed.

Sheriff Johnson states that Servpro can remedy mold and the mold test company can come back after to verify the mold is remedied.

Discussion/possible action was tabled – Chairman Bruens is still looking for an attorney.

Discussion/possible action on hiring Performance Services for basement clean repairs post flood. A representative was here and stated he plans to assess the damage after the meeting and advise whether this job could be performed by Performance Services or if he would suggest another company.

Under old business, Judge Fitton is going to Franklin County to tour their new courthouse/courthouse addition on October 16, 2026. Franklin County is comparable in size to Ford County.

The Public Building Commission agreed to meet again on September 24, 2026, in the Sheriff's Boardroom at 3:00 P.M.

Mr. Townsend moved to adjourn. Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 3:35.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelsie Vaughn
Ford County Clerk & Recorder